PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President : Under Rule 3 (i) of the Legislative Rules I nominate Messrs. V. S. Arumukhom Pillai and G. Narayana Aiyar to the Panel of Chairmen for this session of the Council.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND III—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai : Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 1,675 under Demand III,—Administration of Justice. Honourable members will kindly note that Rs. 800 out of this is for additional grant under T. A. for the Advocate General's Office and Rs. 875 is for the appointment of a temporary Government pleader to conduct the Chengannur riot case in the Quilon Sessions Court.

I may be permitted, Sir, to state that towards the close of 1114 and in 1115 the Government pleaders attached to the Advocate General's Office had to be deputed to various mofussil stations for the conduct of criminal cases. They had to be deputed for various reasons. In the first place the congestion of work in the courts was so great that pleaders from the Advocate General's office had to be deputed for relieving the pressure. Secondly, owing to the peculiar nature of some cases such pleaders have to be deputed. Therefore for their T. A. and daily allowance an additional sum of Rs. 800 is claimed under this demand. Item No. 1 is in regard to that demand.

As regards Item No. 2, the trial of the Chengannoor riot case has already commenced in the Quilon Sessions Court and on account of the fact that there are over 200 accuseds under trial in that case and about 146 witnesses to be examined for the prosecution, one of the two pleaders of the court has to devote his attention entirely to the conduct of this work for 3 or 4 months. During that period for the conduct of the ordinary business of the court only one Government Pleader will be available and this will not be sufficient. There are two courts engaged in Sessions and Civil work. So an additional hand has to be engaged for the period during which the Chengannoor case lasts. These are the circumstances under which this supplementary demand is made.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Sir, I cannot but place this fact before the House that there are not enough work for the pleaders now as there are more Judges than are necessary. For example in Kottayam, there are more Judges than we need. If that is true we may have more Government Pleaders. So my submission is that the number of Judges may be reduced as a result of which the number of Government Pleaders can also be reduced. If their number is not reduced, at least these pleaders can be engaged for these special works.

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